

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2003. Claims 1-17 have been rejected. Claim 17 has been canceled. The present amendment modifies the language of rejected independent Claims 1, 3, 9, and 11 and dependent claims 6 and 7 so as to render them in a form which is believed to be patentably distinguishable over the cited art.

This amendment is to expedite prosecution and should not be construed as acquiescence in any ground of rejection. The comments in the Office Action are now addressed in turn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claims 1-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamartino (09291213). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As repeatedly indicated by the courts, anticipation requires that all of the elements and limitations of the claims be found within a single prior art reference. There must be no difference between the claimed invention and the disclosure provided by the reference, as viewed by a person of ordinary skill in the field of the invention. *Scripps Clinic & Research Found. v. Genentech, Inc.*, 927 F.2d 1565 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Applicant respectfully submits that Yamartino does not teach every element of the claims; therefore, the invention, as claimed herein, is not anticipated by Yamartino.

The present invention, as now presented in the claims, incorporates a device that automatically transmits the required area code, based on the telephone number prefix entered by the user, so that the user need *then* enter only the seven-digit telephone number. Specifically, the sequence is such that the device matches the prefix to the area code even *before* the *entire seven digits* are dialed, so that the associated area code is automatically transmitted *prior* to the transmission of the entire seven digits. See page 3, line 5-8. In addition, if the user enters a prefix that is valid in more than one area code, a single selection digit may be entered to select the appropriate area code from a list display.

In contrast, as the Examiner correctly states, Yamartino discloses a dialing mechanism in which the phone number plus area code is dialed *after* the user has entered the seven-digit prefix and suffix. The user therefore must dial the entire seven-digit number *before* the prefix is *then*

matched to the *previously stored entire seven-digit number*, that then matches to the stored area code.

Furthermore, the present invention may be distinguished from Yamartino in that Applicant's device stores a database of area codes for a selected geographic area, and associated telephone number prefixes. In contrast, the Examiner correctly points out that the device disclosed by Yamartino stores area codes along with their associated *entire* seven-digit telephone numbers in the associated database.

The present invention may be further distinguished from Yamartino in the mode of visual display and subsequent user choice in the event multiple area codes are encountered. In the instant invention, if a desired prefix is valid in multiple area codes, the visual mechanism displays area codes *only*, along with a single selection digit. In contrast, Yamartino's *entire* list of all possible phone numbers with area codes is visually displayed to the user, and the user must use the keypad to dial a digit to select the number to be dialed. Applicant's associated visual choice technology renders the instant invention more efficient, and less visually distracting than that of the prior cited art.

Significantly, Yamartino does not teach a device in which the prefix is matched to the area code *prior* to completion of the entry of the entire seven digits. Yamartino also does not teach a visual or audio display wherein multiple area codes *only* are presented, along with a single selection digit. Nor does Yamartino teach a device which includes a database that stores *only* area codes and telephone number prefixes.

As the elements of Yamartino are not the same as those claimed in the instant application, Applicant submits that Yamartino does not anticipate the pending amended claims, and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully maintains that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this Application from the Examiner. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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